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AND COMMUNICATION POLICY GROUP: APRIL 18-20, 1978

SUMMARY: PRINCIPAL ITEM FOR ICC POLICY GROUP WAS  
PLANNING WORK ON DATA NETWORKING POLICY. SPECIAL  
MEETING ON NETWORKING ISSUES WAS AGREED UPON FOR  
SEPTEMBER 13-15, AIMED AT DEFINING ADEQUACY OF EXIS-  
TING INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FOR DEALING WITH NEW  
ISSUES CREATED BY RAPID NETWORKING GROWTH. ICCP  
ALSO AGREED ON PRIORITIES FOR WORK PROGRAM FOR 1979,  
REJECTING PROPOSAL FOR "VULNERABILITY" STUDY, BUT  
DECIDING TO INVESTIGATE SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF GROWING  
COMPUTER USAGE, PARTICULARLY PROBLEMS OF EMPLOYMENT.  
END SUMMARY.

1. ICCP CONCLUDED THAT AN EXPANDED GROUP MEETING  
SHOULD BE HELD SEPTEMBER 13-15 TO IDENTIFY ISSUES  
ARISING FROM THE EXPANSION OF DATA NETWORKS, PARTI-  
CULARLY QUESTIONS OF TARIFFS IMPOSED BY PTT'S  
AND INTERFACE BETWEEN NEW EURONET AND AMERICAN COMPA-  
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NIES NOW DOMINATING MARKET. CONFERENCE WILL BE  
CONCENTRATED ON POLICY ISSUES, NOT TECHNICAL  
QUESTIONS, AND WILL AIM AT DEFINING INSTITUTIONAL  
OPTIONS FOR DEALING WITH ISSUES.

2. A SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL TO ENGAGE IN EXTENSIVE  
NEW WORK ON "VULNERABILITY TO SOCIETY FROM GROWING

USE OF COMPUTER/COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS" WAS REJECTED BY ICCP. MANY DELEGATIONS - INCLUDING U.S. - ARGUED THAT OECD WAS NOT THE PROPER BODY FOR NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES AND SIMILAR MATTERS OF UNIQUELY NATIONAL CHARACTER.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ICCP DECIDED TO UNDERTAKE A NEW PROGRAM ON SOCIAL PROBLEMS ARISING FROM COMPUTER USAGE. OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO ICCP IS THE IMPACT ON EMPLOYMENT, E.G. BOTH THE DISPLACEMENT AND UNEMPLOYABILITY OF BLUE COLLAR WORKERS AND THE NECESSITY FOR TRAINING FOR NEW DATA SERVICE JOBS.

4. DESPITE USEFUL PRESENTATIONS BY DSTI DIRECTOR

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DAVID BECKLER AND UNESCO DEPSECGEN KADOURA ON UNESCO-IBI CONFERENCE ON INFORMATICS NEXT SEPTEMBER, ICCP HAS FAILED TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC WORK PROGRAM FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. AS A RESULT, THIS MATTER CONTINUES TO CARRY A LOW PRIORITY IN ICCP THINKING, WHICH OUTWARDLY AT LEAST IS SYMPATHETIC TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM CONSIDERATIONS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5. ICCP REVIEWED ON-GOING PROGRAMS OF ITS SUB-COMMITTEES, ON (A) TRANSNATIONAL DATA BARRIERS AND (B) ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION ACTIVITIES. IN BOTH

CASES ICCP CONCLUDED THAT PROGRESS WAS SATISFACTORY AND REAFFIRMED HIGHEST PRIORITY RATINGS FOR THESE ACTIVITIES. THE SECRETARIAT REPORTED THAT OECD SECRETARY GENERAL IS PLANNING TO PRESENT A MEMORANDUM TO THE COUNCIL IN EARLY MAY REPORTING ON THE PROGRESS AND PLANS FOR "GUIDELINES" ON INTERNATIONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION.

6. OFFICERS FOR THE NEXT YEAR WILL MAINLY CONTINUE THE BUREAU FOR THIS YEAR, IE: MARTIN-LOFF (SWEDEN) CONTINUES AS CHAIRMAN AND RICHARDSON (US) AND DONTN (FRG) AS VICE-CHAIRMEN, WITH SCALA (SPAIN)  
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BEING ADDED AS VICE-CHAIRMAN. THE NEXT MEETING OF ICCP WILL BE NOVEMBER 9-10, 1978.  
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